



Europacable and T&D Europe Grid Day: More and Smarter Grids to Connect Europe

Brussels, 23 November 2017: Yesterday, Europacable and T&D Europe held their first joint policy event “Better Grids for Clean Energy” in Brussels.

Raul Gil, Chairman of the Europacable Energy Team, welcomed this joint industry initiative: *“Europe needs more and smarter grids to fully leverage on the opportunities stemming from the Energy transition we’re currently witnessing. Submarine and underground cables will be the core backbone of our future grid architecture.”* He stressed: *“Together with our friends from T&D Europe, our industry is ready to deliver high-quality, cutting edge technology solutions to truly interconnect Europe. We are fully committed in working with all partners to making Europe’s integrated energy market a genuine success.”*

Set against the background of the Clean Energy Package and the recently published report of the Expert Group on Electricity Interconnection Targets, the policy event gathered some 80 senior experts from Brussels and across the European Union. Following the opening key note speech by European Commission Director for Energy Policy, Mrs Megan Richards, the conference opened to two panel debates discussing the following questions:

- *What kind of grids do we need in the future to interconnect all Member states? How do we get them built on time?*
- *Which technologies can make them smart and efficient?*

In the subsequent discussion, the joint Europacable and T&D Europe policy event served as a unique forum contributing to develop the most suitable legislative and regulatory framework to build Europe’s best grid using all available technologies made in Europe.

About Europacable and T&D Europe:

Europacable and T&D Europe represent the leading electricity grid technology providers in Europe: We produce the complete range of products and services necessary to transmit and distribute electricity- from the generator to the end user. Jointly, our industry employs almost 300,000 people in Europe and generates a turnover of more than 40 billion €. Innovation is in our DNA: Our members provide all types of smart grid technologies, including advanced, digital systems suitable for interaction with renewable energies and ICT as well as underground and submarine cables which will serve as the backbone of Europe’s future electricity transmission and distribution grids.